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ANNUAL REPORT
on the Health of the
RURAL DISTRICT OF STROOD
during the year 1958

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STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Strood Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The duty of presenting the Annual Report for 1958 has fallen to me through the unfortunate death of Dr. M.F. McDonnell on 22nd January, 1959. Dr. McDonnell was appointed as your Medical Officer of Health on 8th June, 1923 and perusal of his annual reports over these 35 years of service records the challenge and progress in the advancement of health of the district.

The year under review would have been his 36th report as he in his time presented his first annual report on the year previous to his appointment.

The Council's attention is drawn particularly to the following statistical matters:-

POPULATION. There was an increase of 1040 in the Registrar General's estimate from 24,690 in 1957 to 25,730 for the present year.

BIRTH RATE. The birth rate per thousand of the population shows a decrease - 15.70 for the present year compared with 17.69 for the previous year.

The still-birth rate for 1958 was 15.87.

GENERAL DEATH RATE. The death rate for 1958 was 8.51 per thousand of the population. The 1957 rate was 9.15. The total number of deaths in the district during 1958 was 219 as compared with 226 in 1957.

NATURAL INCREASE OF THE POPULATION. The number of births in 1958 exceeded the deaths by 285, in 1957 this figure was 211.

INFANTILE MORTALITY. The death rate for infants under one year of age was 13.88 and the rate for 1957 was 2.28. The number of such infants dying in the district during 1958 was 7 and in 1957 1.

In the main body of the report is detailed the routine work of the Public Health Inspectorate which although rarely receiving comment or criticism nevertheless remains vital to the health and well being of the inhabitants of the Rural District.

Through the courtesy of the County Medical Officer certain details have been included dealing with the Personal Health Services for which the County Council are the controlling authority under the National Health Service Act, 1946.

Yours respectfully,

L. F. McWILLIAMS

Medical Officer of Health

MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

1957/1958

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" K.A. McDermott,
" K.L. Waller,
" N. Purvis,
" D.M. Smith,
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" R.F. Wright,

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" D.M. Smith,
" K.L. Waller,
" A.G. Winder,
" R.F. Wright.

Members of the No.5. Area Committee, National Health Service.

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Chairman of the District Council Mr. F.M. Hollands, J.P.

Vice-Chairman of the District Council Mr. C. Higgs, B.E.M., J.P.

Clerk:

Mr. A.E. Stroud

Solicitors:

Messrs. Arnold, Tuff & Grimwade

Staff of the Public Health Department:

Medical Officer of Health: M.F. McDonnell, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.,
D.P.H.,

Senior Public Health
Inspector:

G. Wilson, Cert.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,

Additional Public Health
Inspector:

D.W. Horncastle, Cert.R.S.H.,
M.A.P.H.I.,

Rodent Officer:

L.J. Dixon (resigned 2/8/58)
succeeded by E.J. Bristow from
13/10/58.

Clerk:

Miss K. Merry.



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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF AREA

VITAL STATISTICS

1958

Area of district.....	48,541	acres
Estimated mid-year Resident Population.....	25,730	
Number of inhabited houses.....	7,866	
Rateable value at 1st April, 1959.....	£1,169,759	
1st April, 1958.....	£674,953	
1st April, 1957.....	£657,701	
Sum represented by Penny Rate 1st April, 1959....	£2,214	
1st April, 1958....	£1,969	
1st April, 1957....	£1,738	
Births.....	504	
Birth rate.....	15.70	
Deaths.....	219	
Death rate.....	8.51	
Infantile mortality rate.....	13.88	

INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN THE STROOD RURAL DISTRICT
WHERE MORE THAN 20 PERSONS ARE EMPLOYED

<u>Factory or Undertaking</u>	<u>Products</u>
Alpha Cement Works, Cliffe.	Cement
Associated Portland Cement Mfrs., Frindsbury Extra.	Cement
Rugby Portland Cement Co., Halling.	Cement
British Uralite Ltd., Higham.	Asbestos cement.
Atlas Stone Co., Shorne.	Artificial stone.
British Basket & Besto Co.Ltd., Cuxton.	Basket making.
Medway Buildings & Supplies Ltd., Frindsbury.	Timber buildings.
London & Rochester Trading Co., Frindsbury Extra.	Tarpauling & sails; Barge repairs.
Berry Wiggins & Co.Ltd., Hoo.	Oil refinery.
B.P. Refinery (Kent) Limited, Isle of Grain.	Oil refinery.
Waller Engineering Limited, Harvel, Meopham.	Light engineering.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	M	F
Tuberculosis - respiratory.....	2	-
Syphilitic disease.....	1	-
Cancer - stomach.....	2	2
Cancer - lung, bronchus.....	6	-
Cancer - breast.....	-	4
Cancer - uterus.....	-	1
Other cancers.....	14	7
Leukaemia.....	-	3
Diabetes.....	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system.....	10	18
Heart disease - angina.....	24	11
Blood pressure with heart disease.....	4	4
Other heart diseases.....	19	23
Other circulatory diseases.....	8	4
Influenza.....	1	-
Pneumonia.....	5	1
Bronchitis.....	6	2
Other diseases of respiratory system...	1	-
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum.....	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea.....	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis.....	1	1
Prostate disease.....	1	-
Congenital malformations.....	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	7	8
Motor vehicle accidents.....	2	1
All other accidents.....	5	3
Suicide.....	1	-

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ANALYSIS OF AGE GROUPS OF DEATHS OCCURRING DURING 1958

PARISH	AGE GROUPS						
	0-10	11-20	21-40	41-60	61-70	71-80	81-100
Allhallows	-	-	-	3	-	3	1
Cliffe	-	-	-	5	4	12	1
Cobham	-	-	-	2	1	3	1
Cooling	-	-	-	1	-	2	4
Cuxton	-	-	-	1	4	2	6
Frindsbury	1	1	1	8	5	13	3
Halling	2	1	1	2	4	8	3
Higham	-	-	-	4	3	5	3
High Halstow	1	-	-	-	-	2	1
Hoo	-	1	1	2	4	6	5
Isle of Grain	-	-	2	2	1	1	2
Luddesdown	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Meopham	3	-	-	-	4	10	13
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Shorne	-	-	-	1	2	5	4
Stoke	-	-	-	3	-	2	3
TOTALS	7	3	6	41	37	72	52
Percentage of total deaths	3.21%	1.38%	2.75%	18.80%	16.97%	33.03%	23.85%

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES

Tabulated statement of cases notified in each Parish:

PARISH	Tuber- culosis		Measles	Whooping Cough	Pneumonia	Scarlet Fever
	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary				
Allhallows	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111
Cliffe	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111
Cobham	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111
Cooling	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111
Cuxton	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111
Frindsbury	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111
Halling	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111
Higham	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111
High Halstow	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111
Hoo	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111
Isle of Grain	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111
Luddesdown	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111
Meopham	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111
St. Mary Hoo	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111
Shorne	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111
Stoke	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111	11111111111111
TOTALS	5	-	15	6	8	5

TUBERCULOSIS

Statement of particulars appearing on the
Register of Notifications of Tuberculosis
for the year ended 31st December, 1958:-

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary and Non- Pulmonary
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
(a) No. of Cases on Register at the commencement of year.	63	70	133	24	22	46	179
(b) No. of Cases notified under the Regulations for the first time.	3	2	5	-	-	-	5
(c) No. of Cases restored to Register.	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
(d) Other additions during the year.	7	4	11	-	-	-	11
(e) No. of Cases removed from Register during the year.	13	11	24	3	-	3	27
(f) No. of Cases remaining on Register at the end of the year.	60	66	126	21	22	43	169

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows the number of persons who were vaccinated against Smallpox or immunised against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough during 1958.

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation		Smallpox Vaccination		Whooping Cough Immunisation
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary	Revaccination	Primary
1958	60	-	107	-	162
1957	193	-	110	-	245
1956	38	-	5	-	60
1955	7	1	1	-	17
1954	3	10	3	-	8
1953	3	100	2	-	3
1952	7	65	1	1	3
1951	2	7	2	-	3
1950	-	2	-	-	-
1949	-	8	1	-	-
1948	1	7	-	-	-
1947	-	3	-	-	-
1946	-	1	-	-	-
1945	-	-	-	-	-
1944	-	-	-	-	-
Before 1944	-	-	2	2	-
Total	314	204	234	3	501

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

The following table shows the number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1958 who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e., at any time since 1st January, 1944).

Year of Birth	Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1954-1958	1953 or earlier
1944	38	136
1945	92	152
1946	194	171
1947	292	116
1948	254	127
1949	261	174
1950	284	112
1951	269	117
1952	236	109
1953	299	17
1954	300	-
1955	269	-
1956	269	-
1957	223	-
1958	60	-
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VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

The following table gives the numbers of persons resident in the Strood Rural District who received injections against poliomyelitis during the year ended 31st December, 1958.

Year of Birth	Given two injections	Given third injection
1958	75	-
1957	290	11
1956	286	45
1955	295	35
1954	270	18
1953	225	15
1952	266	16
1951	227	10
1950	177	19
1949	167	23
1948	168	12
1947	184	15
1946	302	1
1945	230	1
1944	265	-
Others	481	7
	<hr/> 3908	<hr/> 228
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VENEREAL DISEASES

Abstract from Annual Return 1958

<u>New cases</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Syphilis.....	1	-	1
Gonorrhoea.....	7	-	7
Non-Venereal.....	24	7	31
Total number of attendances.....			358

MORTUARY AND BURIAL OF THE DEAD

There were no bodies received into the mortuary which is situated next the Fire Station at St. Werburgh Crescent, Hoo.

PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The County Council is responsible for the provision of a comprehensive ambulance service throughout the County. Other than in cases of accident and emergency, no ambulance will be provided, except at the request of a doctor, hospital or midwife, and for the provision of sitting-case transport a certificate from a doctor is necessary.

In cases of accident or emergency the telephone call is passed without delay to the appropriate ambulance station which in this area is at Star Mill Lane, Chatham.

Ambulance stations in the area:-

Telephone No:

Star Mill Lane, Chatham.	Gillingham 58201/2
Harden Memorial Hall, Hall Road, Northfleet.	Gravesend 5257/8

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS

In the case of every child born it is the duty of the father of the child, if at the time of the birth he is actually residing on the premises where the birth takes place and of any person in attendance upon the mother at the time of, or within six hours after, the birth to send notice of the birth within thirty-six hours, to the County Medical Officer of Health, County Hall, Maidstone. Postcards with prepaid postage for this purpose are supplied to medical practitioners, midwives, hospitals and maternity homes, upon application to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINICS

Advice and ante-natal care is given at these clinics. Post-natal examinations are carried out at ante-natal clinics.

Clinics for Strood Rural District -

Strood - K.C.C. Clinic, 13, Gun Lane,
Strood. Thursday mornings.

Gravesend - Welfare Centre, Windmill
Street, Gravesend. Thursday afternoons.

Gravesend - 107, Rochester Road,
Denton, Gravesend. 1st and 3rd Friday
afternoons.

TUBERCULOSIS, MINOR AILMENT CLINICS, DENTAL CLINICS,
SPECIAL CLINICS AND VENEREAL DISEASE CLINICS.

1. Tuberculosis -

13, New Road,
Rochester. - Monday morning 9-11 a.m.
contacts.

Telephone No: Refills - Men.

Chatham 42182. Tuesday afternoons 1.45 p.m.
(by appointment) Chest Clinic.

Wednesday afternoon 2.30 p.m.
Refills - Women.

Thursday morning
10.15 - 11.15 a.m. Men.
11.30 - 12.15 p.m. Women.
(new patients)

Friday morning 9.15 a.m.
(by appointment) Chest Clinic.

Clinics - continued

Tuberculosis

Gravesend & North Kent Hospital.

- Wednesday - General clinic.
- Thursday morning - Refill clinic.
- Saturday morning 9-11 a.m.
(children only)

2. Minor Ailments

Strood House,
Corporation Street,
Rochester.

- Every Friday afternoon.

K.C.C. Clinic,
Gun Lane, Strood

- Every Wednesday afternoon.

Welfare Centre,
Windmill Street,
Gravesend.

- Wednesday and Friday mornings 9 - 10 a.m.

Welfare Centre,
107, Rochester Road,
Denton, Gravesend,

- Every Tuesday morning 9 - 10 a.m.

Whitehill, Kings Farm Estate, Gravesend.

- Every Tuesday morning 9 - 10 a.m.

3. Dental

Strood House,
Corporation Street,
Rochester.

- Every day except Wednesday.

Manor Road,
Gravesend.

- Mondays 9-10.30 a.m.
- Tuesdays all day.
- Wednesdays 9-10.30 a.m.
- Thursdays all day.
- Fridays 9-10.30 a.m.

West Kent House,
Station Road,
Northfleet.

- Every Monday and Tuesday.
- Saturday mornings.

4. Specialist (children attend by appointment)

Child Guidance

118, Maidstone Road,
Chatham.

Ophthalmic

118, Maidstone Road,
Chatham.

- Every Monday - all day.
Every Friday morning.

Gravesend Hospital
Gravesend.

- Monday and Thursday
afternoons, Tuesday
mornings.

Speech Defects

118, Maidstone Road,
Chatham.

- Every Tuesday and
Wednesday all day.

107, Rochester Road,
Denton, Gravesend.

- Every Thursday.

Venereal Diseases

Rochester

36, New Road.

- Men Mondays 1.30-4.30 p.m.
Thursdays 11a.m.-1 p.m.

Women Mondays 1.30-4.30 p.m.
Thursdays 11a.m.- 1 p.m.

Gravesend

22, Cobham Street.

- Men Tuesdays 11a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturdays 9 - 10 a.m.

Women Tuesdays 1 - 2.15 p.m.
Saturdays 9 - 10 a.m.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

These centres are open at the day and times set out for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of infants and children under the age of five years. Infant Foods, national dried milk and vitamin products are issued at these centres. A Medical Officer and a Health Visitor are in attendance at each centre.

Child Welfare Centres for Strood Rural District -

Cliffe	- The Black Bull.	Tuesday afternoons.
Cobham	- Meadow Room, The Street.	2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoons.
Cuxton	- Social Club & Workingmens Inst., Bush Road.	2nd & 4th Thursday afternoons.
Frindsbury Extra	- Workingmens Inst., Wainscott.	Thursday afternoons 2 - 4 p.m.
Halling	- Vicarage Hall.	1st, 3rd & 5th Friday afternoons.
Harvel	- Village Hall.	2nd & 4th Wednesday afternoons.
Higham	- Village Memorial Hall.	2nd & 4th Friday afternoons.
High Halstow	- Old School.	2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoons.
Hoo	- Five Bells Inn.	Wednesday afternoons.
Isle of Grain.	- New Village Hall.	1st & 3rd Friday afternoons.
Meopham	- Village Hall.	1st & 3rd Thursday afternoons.
Shorne	- Village Hall.	2nd & 4th Thursday afternoons.
Stoke	- British Legion Hall.	2nd & 4th Friday afternoons.
Strood	- Gun Lane.	Tuesday afternoons, 2 - 4 p.m. Friday mornings, 10-- 12 a.m.

DISTRICT OFFICERS

These officers are responsible for:-

1. Duties as Authorised Officers under the Lunacy, Mental Treatment and Mental Deficiency Acts.
2. Acting as representatives of the County Health Department in dealing with enquiries made by the public and arranging for County Health Services to be made available in cases of difficulty.
3. Carrying out the duties of the County Council under the National Assistance Act in:-
 - (a) arranging admission of old, handicapped and homeless persons to residential establishments other than in cases of sickness.
 - (b) the care of moveable property of patients who are admitted to hospital or a residential establishment provided by the Council where it appears that there is danger of loss or damage to the property.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE FOODS:-

The following are main distribution centres adjacent to the Strood Rural District:-

Strood House, Corporation Street, Rochester.

Elm House, New Road, Chatham.

District Office, Arthur Street, Gravesend.

Welfare Foods are also issued from Child Welfare Centres referred to on page 13.

District Officers and Assistants:-

Rochester Office:- 13, Gun Lane,
Strood.

Telephone No:
Strood 7451

Officer:- Mr.C.H.Hurdman,
4, City Way,
Rochester.

Telephone No:
Chatham 42681

Assistant Officer:- Mr.E. Farrell,
20, Bramble Tree Cres.
Borstal, Rochester.

Telephone No:
Chatham 41082

District Officers and Assistants - continued

Gravesend Office:-	Arthur Street, Gravesend.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 166
Officer:-	Mr. G. T. Jeffery, 357, Watling Street, Dartford.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Dartford 3143
Assistant Officer:-	Mr. W. G. M. Hastings, 59, Clarendon Gdns., St. Mary's Garden Est., Stone, Kent.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Dartford 4955

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

Local office	5, Castle Hill, Rochester.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Chatham 42237
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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

All enquiries regarding this service should be addressed to the District Officer (see page 14 and above). An assistant Mental Health Officer, Mr. F. Dutton is attached to the District Offices and makes domiciliary visits to give advice and information regarding the care of Mental Defectives.

Occupation Centres

Occupation centres for mental defectives are established at:-

St. Luke's Hall,
King William Road,
Gillingham.

North Hall,
Tivoli House,
Gravesend.

Hours of opening:- Ordinary school terms, Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

A Home Teacher for Mental Defectives is also available in the area.

All enquiries regarding Occupation Centres and Home Teaching should be addressed to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY SERVICE

This free service of the County Council is to secure an adequate number of midwives available for attending women in their own home, either as midwives or maternity nurses.

The names, address and telephone numbers of midwives are given below:-

Frindsbury Extra)	Miss E.L. Cloude,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Wainscott only)	39, Gill Avenue, Wainscott, Frindsbury.	Strood 78556
Cooling)	Miss S. McGarvey,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Cliffe)	6, Alexander Cottages,	
Higham)	Higham.	Shorne 309
Frindsbury Extra)		
less Upnor and)		
Wainscott.)		
Cuxton)	Mrs. I.G. Sheath	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Halling)	"St.Clements",	
	Church Hill, Cuxton.	Strood 7503
Frindsbury Extra)	Miss E.K. Wright,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Upnor only)	22, Powlett Road,	
	Strood.	Strood 7557
Allhallows)	Miss E.M. Gogerty,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
High Halstow)	9, Marshland View,	
Isle of Grain)	Lower Stoke.	Allhallows 298
St. Mary Hoo)		
Stoke)		
Hoo)	Miss M.A. Webb,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
	11, St. Werburgh Cres.,	
	Hoo.	Hoo 266
Cobham)	Miss E.M. Hudson,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Luddesdown)	1, Lawrence Drive,	
Shorne)	Cobham.	Cobham 328
Meopham)	Mrs. Jordan,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
	"Elmcroft",	
	Meopham Green,	
	Meopham.	Meopham 2329

Domiciliary Midwifery Service - continued

Group relief for:-

Halling	) Mrs. E. T. D. Carter,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Cuxton	) Forge House, Bush Road,	
	) Cuxton.	Cobham 274

HOME NURSING SERVICE

This service, which is also free, is to secure the attendance of nurses on persons who require nursing in their own homes. Apart from cases of emergency and accident, patients can only be attended when the nurse has been requested to do so by a doctor.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of district nurses are given below:-

Cooling	)		<u>Telephone No:</u>
Cliffe	) Miss S. McGarvey,		
Higham	) 6, Alexander Cottages,		
Frindsbury Extra	) Higham.		Shorne 309
less Upnor and)		
Wainscott)		
Frindsbury Extra	) Miss E. L. Cloude,		<u>Telephone No:</u>
Wainscott only	) 39, Gill Avenue,		
	) Wainscott.		Strood 78556
Frindsbury Extra	) Mrs. S. M. Whale,		<u>Telephone No:</u>
Upnor only	) 36, Woodstock Road,		
	) Strood		Strood 7512
Cuxton	) Mrs. M. G. Skinner,		<u>Telephone No:</u>
Halling	) 1, Montgomery Cottages,		
	) Upper Halling, Halling.		Snodland 461
Allhallows	)		<u>Telephone No:</u>
High Halstow	) Miss E. M. Gogerty,		
Isle of Grain	) 9, Marshland View,		
St. Mary Hoo	) Lower Stoke,		Allhallows 298
Stoke)		
Hoo	) Miss M. A. Webb,		<u>Telephone No:</u>
	) 11, St. Werburgh Cresc.,		
	) Hoo.		Hoo 266

Home Nursing Service - continued

Cobham	Miss E.M. Hudson,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Luddesdown	1, Lawrence Drive,	
Shorne	Cobham.	Cobham 328
Meopham	Mrs. Jordan, "Elmcroft", Meopham Green, Meopham.	<u>Telephone No:</u>
		Meopham 2329

Group relief for:-

Cuxton	Mrs. K.M. Troddyn,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Halling	31, Leybourne Road,	
	Strood.	Strood 7596

DOMESTIC HELP AND NIGHT ATTENDANCE SERVICE FOR OLD PEOPLE

The domestic help service is to provide domestic help for households where such help is required owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying in, an expectant mother, mentally defective, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age.

The night attendance service is provided for old people who are suffering from illness in their own homes and who should not be left alone at night. The service would not normally be provided where relatives or friends are available but limited service may be provided to relieve relatives who are being deprived of sleep.

Householders are required to contribute towards the costs in accordance with their means.

Applications for help should be made to the Domestic Help Organiser, 13, Gun Lane, Strood (Miss Coffey, Telephone Number Strood 7451).

HEALTH VISITORS

These officers are appointed for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children, persons suffering from illness and expectant and nursing mothers, and as to the measures necessary to prevent the spread of certain infectious diseases.

The Health Visitors also undertake duties in connection with the School Health Service.

Health Visitors - continued

Cliffe	) Miss G. Thornton,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Cooling	) 2, Kings Avenue,	
Higham	) Rochester.	Chatham 41841
Allhallows)	
Frindsbury Extra	) Mrs. I. Williams,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
High Halstow	) 141, Hollywood Lane,	
Hoo	) Wainscott.	Strood 78459
Isle of Grain)	
St. Mary Hoo)	
Stoke)	
Cobham)	
Cuxton	) Miss J.L. Bradley,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Halling	) 35, Priestfields,	
Luddesdown	) Rochester	Chatham 43726
Meopham)	

HOSPITAL SERVICES

All cases of infectious disease are admitted to:-

Telephone No:

River Hospital, Joyce Green, Dartford. Dartford 3231

St. William's Hospital, St. William's Way, Rochester. Chatham 43243

Keycol Hospital, Sittingbourne. Newington 222

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX AND IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA AND WHOOPING COUGH

All medical practitioners have been invited to participate in the scheme which gives free vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria and whooping-cough. These services are also available at child welfare centres during the normal child welfare sessions.

F.T., T.A.F. and Vaccine lymph are supplied by the Public Health Laboratory, Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Maidstone (Maidstone 7239).

Whooping cough vaccine is supplied by the Health Department, County Hall, Maidstone (Maidstone 4321 Ext.257).

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INSURANCE

Local Offices:-	Chatham Local Office, 240, High Street, Rochester.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Chatham 44621
	Gravesend Local Office, "Ravenscourt", Pelham Road, Gravesend.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 4811

NURSING REQUISITES

Arrangements have been made with the British Red Cross Society and St. Johns Ambulance Brigade for the continuance of the Medical Loan Depots on behalf of the County Council. The full range of nursing requisites will be available and details of addresses and times the depots are open for distribution are available from district offices. These arrangements will be in addition to the loan cupboards kept by the District Nurses. The depots deal with all applications for the loan of nursing requisites.

Medical Loan Depots -

Rochester - B.R.C.S., 67, High Street, daily 10am - 5pm by appointment with Mrs. Cronk, 4, Roebuck Road, Rochester.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Chatham 43187
St. Johns, 171, Maidstone Road, Rochester daily (day and night) Mr. E.H. Love.	Chatham 43572
Gravesend - B.R.C.S. Headquarters, 36, Pelham Road, Gravesend.	

Bed and bedding can be supplied to patients on the recommendation of a doctor. This should be sent to the District Officer (see pages 14 and 15) who will make the necessary arrangements for their provision.

WATER SUPPLIES

Bacteriological and Chemical Examination of water supplies

Thirty-six bacteriological samples were taken during the year. These samples showed, on examination, that the water supplies were of a high degree of purity.

Four chemical samples showed the water to be organically pure though hard.

Source of supply

All water is supplied from wells. The parish of Halling receiving water from the well at Vicarage Road, Halling operated by Mid Kent Water Company.

All other parishes are supplied by the Medway Water Board from wells at Cuxton, Crutches Lane, Higham and Luddesdown. At Frindsbury Extra water comes from the Broomhill Reservoir which is a mixture of Cuxton and Strood waters. Isle of Grain receives water from Grain well, and Meopham, in parts, receives either Shorne water or water from Vigo Reservoir, the latter being water from the Mid Kent Water Company's supply.

SUMMARY OF WATER SUPPLIES OF RURAL AREA

PARISH	No. of Houses	No. of Houses with indoor water supply	No. of Houses with stand-pipes	No. of Houses with Public Supply	No. of Houses on Private Supply, Wells & Springs
Allhallows	119	117	2	119	-
Cliffe	743	655	88	743	-
Cobham	404	398	6	404	-
Cooling	55	54	1	55	-
Cuxton	309	302	7	308	1
Frindsbury	1479	1479	-	1479	-
Halling	724	724	-	723	1
Higham	829	816	13	828	1
High Halstow	264	263	1	263	1
Hoo	850	844	6	848	2
Isle of Grain	252	249	3	252	-
Luddesdown	70	70	-	61	9
Meopham	997	994	3	989	8
St. Mary Hoo	68	67	1	66	2
Shorne	516	504	11	513	3
Stoke	187	170	17	184	3
TOTALS	7866	7706	159	7835	31
Percentage of Totals		97.96%	2.02%	99.60%	.39%

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Collection and disposal of domestic refuse

Domestic refuse throughout the district is collected weekly and is disposed of by means of controlled tipping in a disused chalk pit in the Parish of Cuxton. The refuse tip is treated regularly to prevent rat infestation and during the summer period insecticides are applied to prevent the breeding of flies and crickets.

Cesspool and Pail Closet emptying

With the exception of those areas in which a public sewer is provided cesspools are emptied, upon request, free or charge up to a maximum of four times per year.

Pail closets are emptied weekly in the Parishes of Hoo, Isle of Grain and Allhallows, and twice per week in the Parish of Stoke.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Sewers are provided for the drainage of premises in the parishes of Allhallows, Frindsbury Extra, Halling, Higham, Hoo, Isle of Grain, Shorne and Stoke.

After treatment, the effluent of the Allhallows and the Isle of Grain sewers empties into the River Thames and the others into the River Medway.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL AREA

Drainage facilities

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses connected to Public Sewer	No. of Houses draining to Cesspools, Septic Tanks etc.
Allhallows	119	98	21
Cliffe	743	8	735
Cobham	404	17	387
Cooling	55	-	55
Cuxton	309	-	309
Frindsbury	1479	1235	244
Halling	724	617	107
Higham	829	577	252
High Halstow	264	204	60
Hoo	850	697	153
Isle of Grain	252	205	47
Luddesdown	70	29	41
Meopham	997	-	997
St. Mary Hoo	68	-	68
Shorne	516	228	288
Stoke	187	98	89
TOTALS	7866	4013	3853

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL AREA

Sanitary Accommodation

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	Water Closets	Pail Closets	Privies
Allhallows	119	117	2	-
Cliffe	743	678	61	4
Cobham	404	379	22	3
Cooling	55	42	13	-
Cuxton	309	291	18	-
Friardsbury	1479	1456	23	-
Halling	724	713	11	-
Higham	829	802	17	-
High Halstow	264	251	13	10
Hoo	850	800	50	-
Isle of Grain	252	234	18	-
Luddesdown	70	61	9	-
Meopham	997	972	25	-
St. Mary Hoo	68	48	19	1
Shorne	516	503	11	2
Stoke	187	148	39	-
TOTALS	7866	7495	351	20

HOUSING

During the year the number of houses built by the District Council was 32 and by private enterprise 210 making a total of 242 new houses.

The following is the position regarding applicants for Council houses in the district, as at December, 1958.

Allhallows	11	High Halstow	6
Cliffe	49	Hoo	94
Cobham	26	Isle of Grain	15
Cooling	3	Luddesdown	3
Cuxton	9	Meopham	52
Frindsbury	119	St. Mary Hoo	-
Halling	28	Shorne	37
Higham	52	Stoke	18

ICE-CREAM

Seventy-five premises are registered for the retail sale of ice-cream. There is no ice-cream manufactured on the district.

MILK DISTRIBUTION

There are 26 retailers and 4 producer/retailers registered as distributors of milk in the area and 9 dealers retailing in the area whose premises are not situated on the district.

During the year four milk samples were taken, the results of the examination of the milk are shown on page 27.

NUMBER OF SAMPLES TAKEN DURING YEAR	DESIGNATED MILK	ORDIN- ARY MILK	HEAT TREATED
	TUBERCULIN TESTED		
(a)(i) Number of samples of designated milk found to conform to the standards prescribed in the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations.....	1	-	3
(ii) Number of samples of designated milk found on examination to have failed to conform to the standards prescribed.....	1	-	3
(b)(i) Number of samples of ordinary milk found on examination to have been produced in a cleanly manner.....	-	-	-
(ii) Number of samples of ordinary milk found on examination to be unsatisfactory.....	-	-	-
(c)(i) Number of samples of milk examined for tubercle bacilli infection and yielding negative results.....	-	-	-
(ii) Number of samples of milk examined for tubercle bacilli infection and showing positive results.....	-	-	-
(d) Number of samples of heat treated milk found on examination to have been efficiently pasteurised...			3

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

WEIGHTS & MEASURES DEPARTMENT

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling Officers within the STROOD RURAL DISTRICT during the year ended 31st December, 1958.

<u>Article</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>No.</u>
Aspirin B.P.....	1	B/Fwd.....	59
Alka-Seltzer.....	1	Milk Tray Chocolates.....	1
Butter.....	3	Old Fashioned Walnut Slab....	1
Camphorated Oil.....	1	Oranges.....	1
Chicken Noodle Soup.....	1	Oxtail Flavoured Soup.....	1
Chocolate Angel Cake.....	1	Portman Fruit Cake.....	1
Economy Blend Tea.....	1	Prawnees.....	1
English Cheddar Cheese.....	1	Pure Lard.....	1
Eno Fruit Salt.....	1	Real Minced Turkey.....	1
Family Vapour Rub.....	1	Rose Hip Syrup.....	1
Gin.....	3	Spearmint Toffee.....	1
Glenalmond Cake.....	1	Steak Casserole.....	1
Instant Coffee.....	1	Stewed Steak and Onions.....	1
Iodine B.P.....	1	with Gravy.....	1
Lemons.....	1	Surgical Spirit B.P.C.....	1
Luncheon Meat.....	1	Thermogene Rub.....	1
Lung Tonic.....	1	Velveeta Cheese Food.....	1
Margarine.....	1	Whisky.....	3
Milk.....	36	White Oils Embrocation.....	1
Milk Chocolate Crunchers.....	1	Yeast Vite.....	1
C/Fwd	59	Total	79

SUMMARY

Milks.....	36
Drugs.....	12
Spirits.....	6
Other samples,.....	25

Food sampling - continued

All the samples were genuine with the exception of the following:-

<u>Sample of -</u>	<u>Analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
Real Minced Turkey.	Meat 66%. Label unsatisfactory. Real Minced Turkey should contain not less than 95%	Makers notified. Label to be amended.
T.T. Milk.	23.3% deficient in fat.	Due to improper mixing. Producer warned.
Prawnees.	Ingredients not declared in correct order. This should probably be: Maize flour, edible vegetable oil, prawns, salt.	Written caution issued. Label amended.

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1958

To the Chairman and Members of the Strood Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Before submitting the statistics of work carried out by myself and Mr. Horncastle, your additional Public Health Inspector, during the year, I bring to your notice the following information which I consider of particular interest.

The survey, inspection and reporting of unfit dwelling houses has continued to occupy a large part of our time during the year under review and satisfactory progress has been made except in the parish of Cliffe where, due to the absence of alternative accommodation, many families continue to live under insanitary conditions in unfit houses.

Of particular interest to bring to your notice is the large number of aged persons living either singly or as couples in many of the unfit houses. Whilst able to devote to themselves ordinary care and attention of a personal nature, many are finding it increasingly difficult to carry out normal domestic routine to keep the houses as clean as is desirable. Almost without exception these aged persons are militantly independent and it is very satisfying to note that the District Council are providing accommodation at Shorne and, it is hoped, in other Parishes where such people will continue to care for themselves under better circumstances and with a minimum of restrictions.

There are several older tenanted houses in the area, not scheduled for demolition, which it had been hoped might have been satisfactorily dealt with under the provisions of the 1957 Rent Act.

This Act permits owners to raise the rents of their properties with a view to improving the state of repair - experience in this area has been disappointing as little effective action has resulted.

Either through apathy or lack of knowledge of their rights under the Act very many tenants have seen their rents increased and not taken the opportunity given under the Act to have the house brought up to a good standard of repair.

On the 1st June, 1958 the remaining provisions of the Clean Air Act, 1956 came into force. There are at present no major problems regarding atmospheric pollution on the rural district except that of dust emitted from the chimneys of the three cement works. The degree of pollution is particularly heavy at North Halling where the standard deposit gauge caught the equivalent of 343 tons per square mile for the year. The cement works contributing largely to this pollution is now being fitted with multi-cyclone dust collectors and when this plant is put into operation early in 1959 it will be interesting to observe what effect it will have on the amount of air polluting substances caught by the deposit gauge.

With reference to pollution from domestic smoke, although at present there are no large urban areas in the district the possible future growth of such areas should be considered, particularly where contiguous with the urbanised area of the Medway Towns, and persons erecting new houses should be encouraged to instal heating apparatus capable of burning smokeless fuel.

No statutory action was taken under the provisions of the Clean Air Act during the year but there occurred one smoke nuisance in the district which is worthy of note.

In July several complaints were received from the occupiers of houses situated at Buckland. Immediate investigation showed dense volumes of black smoke, coming from an isolated woodland area in the Parish of Luddesdown, being carried directly onto the complainants' houses. Approaching the source of the smoke it was found that a London firm of metal merchants was causing to be burnt large quantities of rubber-covered cable which, prior to the coming into force of the Clean Air Act, had been burnt on the Thames marshes nearer London.

I take this opportunity to record the sterling service of Miss K. Merry, sole Clerk in the Health Department, necessarily left in charge of the department for most of each day during the absence of Mr. Horncastle and myself on outside duties, Miss Merry has made herself conversant with much of the detailed legislation administered in this department. This knowledge together with a ready desire to help has enabled her to interview and advise members of the public who call, without appointment, seeking information.

Your obedient Servant,

G. WILSON

Senior Public Health Inspector

Number of visits under Public Health Acts

No. of houses inspected.....	220
No. of other premises inspected.....	479
No. of re-inspections.....	109
No. of nuisances found.....	34
No. of nuisances abated.....	59
No. of informal notices served.....	13
No. of informal notices complied with.....	8
No. of statutory notices served.....	-
No. of statutory notices complied with.....	-
No. of inspections to caravans.....	222
No. of visits - refuse disposal.....	21
No. of inquiries in cases of infectious diseases.....	17
No. of visits re: disinfection.....	6
No. of houses disinfected.....	6
No. of water samples taken.....	40

Filthy or Verminous Premises

No. of houses inspected.....	8
No. of houses re-inspected.....	-

The following work was carried out following inspection:-

Roofs repaired.....	12	Dustbins provided.....	1
Gutters repaired.....	2	Inspection covers repaired..	5
Chimney stacks repaired.....	5	Water courses cleared.....	1
Walls repaired.....	11	Ditches cleansed.....	3
Windows repaired.....	4	Water supplies protected....	1
Window frames repaired.....	4	Drains repaired.....	2
Accummulation of refuse removed.	12	Drains cleared.....	9
Door treads repaired.....	1	Cesspools emptied.....	7
Walls repointed.....	3	Infestations dealt with....	2
W.C. apartments repaired.....	2	Cesspools provided.....	1
W.C. basins replaced.....	2	Cesspools repaired.....	3
W.C. cistern repaired.....	1	Cesspool covers repaired....	4
W.C. seats repaired.....	1	Street gullies cleansed....	1

Work carried out following inspection - continued

Fences repaired.....	1	Wasps nests destroyed...6
Drains reconstructed.....	2	Vent bricks repaired....1

INTERNAL

Ceilings repaired.....	12	Staircases repaired.....2
Walls repaired.....	4	Cooking ranges repaired..1
Floors repaired.....	1	Washing boilers repaired..1

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The remaining provisions of the Clean Air Act came into force on the 1st June, 1958.

There is no serious problem of atmospheric pollution in the area except that of dust from cement factory chimneys. There are three such factories in the area two of which are provided with electrostatic precipitators and one without any efficient dust arresting equipment. This latter works is now being fitted with a multi-cell cyclone dust collector which is expected to be operating early in 1959.

As a constituent member of the Thameside Joint Committee for the Abatement of Atmospheric Pollution, the Council continued to maintain measuring instruments in the parishes of Cliffe, Frindsbury Extra and Halling. The results of the analyses of the contents of the gauges for 1958 are given on pages 34 and 35.

LEAD PEROXIDE GAUGE

QUANTITIES EXPRESSED IN TONS
PER SQ. MILE PER MONTH
STANDARD DEPOSIT GAUGE

RAIN IN INCHES	SITE OF GAUGES	Total water insoluble matter		Total water soluble matter		Mg. of Sulphur Trioxide collected per day by 100 sq. cms. of batch "A" Lead peroxide.
		Total water insoluble matter	Total water soluble matter	Total deposits	Total deposits	
Jan.	1.53	11.11	16.91	28.02		1.62
Feb.	1.46	12.93	12.11	25.04		1.33
Mar.	0.98 ⁵	7.95	6.52	14.47		1.00
Apr.	1.34	10.04	9.24	19.28		0.93
May	1.54	13.98	10.67	24.65		0.34
June	3.68	13.88	13.07	26.95		0.66
July	3.80	16.06	15.54	31.60		0.64
Aug.	4.16	16.05	17.48	33.53		0.47
Sept.	3.55	9.05	11.61	20.66		0.58
Oct.	3.61	10.12	15.47	25.59		0.65
Nov.	0.30	3.88	6.37	10.25		0.77
Dec.	2.68	7.39	13.01	20.40		1.40
		28.63	132.44	148.00	280.44	
Jan.	1.88	10.35	10.57	20.92		1.94
Feb.	1.95	13.62	8.52	22.15		1.29
Mar.	1.14	7.39	6.31	13.70		1.23
Apr.	1.48	6.50	4.63	11.13		0.82
May	1.54	7.25	6.31	13.55		0.55
Friendsbury	3.90	6.77	7.72	14.49		0.53
June	1.83	7.17	7.05	14.22		0.50
July						
Aug.	3.35	6.26	7.58	13.85		0.41
Sept.	3.36	5.28	5.77	11.05		0.55
Oct.	4.09	7.83	7.58	15.41		1.03
Nov.	0.36	4.94	5.08	10.02		1.36
Dec.	2.95	6.85	7.58	14.43		1.87
Totals	27.83	90.21	84.70	174.92		

RAIN IN	SITE OF GAUGES	QUANTITIES EXPRESSED IN TONS PER SQ. MILE PER MONTH		LEAD PEROXIDE GAUGE STANDARD DEPOSIT GAUGE
		Total water insoluble matter	Total water soluble matter	
North Halling	Jan.	2.13	16.18	34.12
	Feb.	2.06	13.13	24.93
	Mar.	1.18	8.40	17.08
	Apr.	1.60	8.40	18.51
	May	1.62	24.32	37.13
	June	3.76	11.68	30.29
	July	2.54	14.52	28.19
	Aug.	3.93	21.18	39.12
	Sept.	3.04	11.22	23.63
	Oct.	4.41	15.29	33.77
	Nov.	0.40	12.49	22.53
	Dec.	3.11	16.16	33.57
Totals		29.78	172.97	169.90
Vicarage Lane, Halling	Jan.	2.38	6.11	13.16
	Feb.	2.08	5.22	10.66
	Mar.	1.14	7.48	16.00
	Apr.	1.33	4.96	13.48
	May	1.78	5.03	11.48
	June	3.70	6.04	14.63
	July	2.11	4.95	12.33
	Aug.	4.41	6.50	14.76
	Sept.	3.21	6.23	16.36
	Oct.	4.68	5.99	14.72
	Nov.	0.42	6.17	14.04
	Dec.	3.16	8.04	18.32
Totals		30.40	72.72	105.25
				177.98

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

During the year it was necessary to undertake the burial of three persons under the provisions of the above Act at a total cost of £49.10.4d. of this sum £43. 0. Od. was eventually recovered.

HOUSING ACTS 1936 to 1957

Sixteen Demolition Orders, four Closing Orders and five Undertakings were made by the District Council during 1958. Eleven unfit houses were demolished by owners during the year.

No. of houses inspected.....	72
No. of houses re-inspected.....	152
No. of houses inspected for overcrowding.....	3
No. of miscellaneous housing visits.....	9

The number of houses scheduled as unfit and remaining to be dealt with at the end of the year was as follows:-

Cliffe.....	28	Higham.....	8
Cobham.....	10	High Halstow.....	2
Cooling.....	2	Hoo.....	18
Cuxton.....	8	Isle of Grain.....	5
Frindsbury Extra..	3	Meopham.....	2
Halling.....	4	Shorne.....	6

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Fifty-four factories and forty-one other premises are registered within the provisions of the Act. During the year a total of 73 visits were made. Informal action was taken to remedy defects and improve conditions in two cases.

Inspections were made to the premises of 16 outworkers during the year. These outworkers were all engaged in the making or wearing apparel.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

There are 216 shops in the area and during the year 281 inspections were made in connection with arrangements for the health and comfort of shop workers, general cleanliness, and under delegated powers, Sunday trading, early closing day and closing hours.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

641 visits were made to premises where food is sold or prepared for sale including visits to the slaughterhouse.

144 visits were made to the one licenced slaughterhouse for the purpose of meat inspection. The table on page 38 gives the number of animals slaughtered and the percentage of diseased conditions.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	204	-	-	164	487	-
Number inspected	204	-	-	164	487	-
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>tuberculosis and</u> <u>cysticerci:</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whole carcasses condemned						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	38	-	-	-	6	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	18.62%	-	-	-	1.23%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	3	-	-	-	19	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	1.47%	-	-	-	3.9%	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

FOOD CONDEMNED

Slaughterhouse

33.	Bovine	livers	Distomatosis
1.	"	liver	Abscesses
1. pr.	"	lungs	Tuberculosis
1.	"	head	Tuberculosis
1.	"	tongue	Tuberculosis
1.	"	head	Actinomycosis
2.	"	tongues	Actinomycosis
224-lbs. Beef			Bruising
18.	Pigs	heads	Tuberculosis
1.	"	mesentery	Tuberculosis
2.	"	kidneys	Bruising
1.	"	heart	Pericarditis
1.	"	pleura	Pleurisy
2 prs.	"	lungs	Pleurisy
2 prs.	"	lungs	Pneumonia
1	"	pleura	Pneumonia

Food shops

Corned beef	6-lbs.	Mouldy
Fish (Huss)	14-lbs.	Putrified

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

1902 inspections were carried out to all classes of premises under the provisions of the above Act.

Of the 172 premises found to be infested the owners of 21 carried out disinrestation themselves and the Rodent Officer operated for the destruction of rats and mice at the remainder.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

There were 86 installations licenced to store petroleum-spirit during the year and the number of premises licenced to store carbide of calcium was 24.

43 inspections were made during the year.